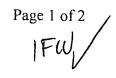


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below. however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated June 15, 2004, Applicant is submitting herewith the required executed Declaration under § 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 130.00 to cover the declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e). Enclosed as well is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted as requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to deposit account No. 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted,

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